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NEW-YEARS-GIFT  
FOR  
PROTESTANTS

With the true Cause of the Diversity of

RELIGIONS.

Being a New Discovery of the Essence and Foundation from whence all Religions is derived, for the Salvation of all Mankind through Christ, which from the beginning of the World, was but one and the same that is now, and will be to the end thereof, whereby to lead all into Truth and Unity of Religion without Controversie.

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**I**T must be undeniably granted, That there never hath been from the Creation but one Religion for the Salvation of all Mankind through Christ; and by which Religion, and no other, some of every Nation have been, and will be saved to the end of the World; for without Christ and Faith in Him, no Man can possibly be saved.

The Groundwork, Foundation, and Corner-stone of which Religion, must be derived from the Second Person of the Trinity, the Lamb's Spirit of Christ, which was destroyed by Adam

in himself, from the Foundation of the World ; whose Soul was the perfect Image and Likeness of God, having in him the perfection of the Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in one Spirit.

But *Adam* made his Spirit an imperfect Spirit of God, by eating the Forbidden Fruit, which killed in himself the said Lamb's Spirit of Christ in Love to God ; by which *Love only* Man is sav'd, and without which *Spirit of Christ in Love to God*, no Man can possibly be saved.

For God is said to be Love, and it is the Word that was with God, and the Word that was God, and the Word that was made Flesh in Christ, which was begotten from all Eternity in God, the Fathers Spirit of Life ; and from which Spirit of Life and Love, doth proceed the Holy Spirit in Wisdom, a Trinity of Spirits ; and but one Spirit inseparable from Gods Spirit, which was breathed into the Nostrils of Man, and was perfect in *Adam* till he defiled it in himself, and in all his Posterity ; by which means they were all after him Born in Sin : For the First Born Spirit of Life, being without Christs Spirit of Love, doth vary from the Spirit of God, and is naturally of it self (being without Love) a sinfully inclined Spirit. Therefore, as Christ said, *Ye must be born again*, or ye cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Which makes it plain and most apparent, That the Lambs Spirit of Christ in Love to God (which *Adam* killed and destroyed in himself,) must be begotten, and born again in all Mankind, whereby to complete the Defects of the Spirit of Life, that it may become the true Image and Likeness of Gods Spirit, as at first in *Adam*.

Which Spirit of Life, is an imperfect Spirit of God, without Christs Spirit of Love ; for *without Love in the Life*, there can no  
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Wisdom proceed from Man: Therefore, there can be no Salvation for Man, without His Spirit be made perfect, as God the Fathers Spirit is perfect, a Trinity in Unity, with Life, Love and Wisdom. For the First Born-wordly Spirit of Life in Man, hath a natural love to the World, and cannot enjoy the Kingdom of God without it be born again with Christs Heavenly Spirit, in love to God more than to the World.

So that all other things, in the Duties, Rites and Ceremonies of several Religions, are but Circumstances, Forms and Pertinances, to the gaining, preserving, nourishing, and increasing this Spirit of Christ in love to God, whilst Man is in the World, (He being born into the World only with a worldly Spirit,) whereby the Soul of Man before he goes out of the World, may become a Heavenly Spirit, refined, fitted, and prepared for the Heavenly Kingdom.

Therefore it is a false Conception, 'That Religion is only for the Service of God, and that Man by it can do God any Service, but through his Obedience to Gods Commands, for his own proper advantage; being it is only for the increasing Christs Spirit in him for the good of himself (which *Adam* destroyed) whereby he may be capable of living to Gods Honour and Glory; for without that Spirit of Christ, Man is only a *sounding Brass, or a tinkling Cymbal.*

On which Spirit of Christ in love to God, and love to Man, hangs all the Law and the Prophets, *Mat. 22. 40.* And in which is the Fulfilling of the Law, *Rom. 13. 10.* And the Gentiles which have not the Law, are a Law unto themselves, which shews the Works of the Law written in their Hearts, *Rom. 2. 14.* For all Nations and different Religions throughout the Universe, do all agree from their Hearts in this one main Principal Point of Religion, *That none can be saved without love to God, (tho they know*

know not the spiritual Reason for it,) and they do all naturally know in their Hearts what is Good and what is Evil, their Consciences bearing them witness, and their Thoughts accusing or excusing one another, *vers. 15.*

So that to the Christians, it is demonstrated by the Scripture the true Principle of Religion, how to *worship God in Spirit and in Truth*, (which can *only be by the true Spirit of Christ in love to God*;) And unto the Gentiles, it is demonstrated from the Law written in their Hearts; they naturally *worshipping God*, with the Spirit of Christ in love to God, having a Belief in God, (wherein consists the Faith in Christ,) by whom they are saved through Christ. *For whom God will have mercy, on whom he will have mercy.* And doubtless, those Greek and Roman Heathens, *Socrates, Plato, and Seneca, &c.* who lived up to the strictness of Vertue, and did serve God (in the only true Religion) with the true Spirit of Christ, in Spirit, and in Truth, in Love to God, tho they could not then define what God was, as hath been since by Scripture revealed.

Therefore Christians (tho' they be in the Right and True way, with a sufficiency for their Salvation through Scripture) do *extreamly err* in the understanding for what Religion was ordained, and also in the Principle and true Essence from whence it is grounded, whereon hangs all the Law and the Prophets, and in which is the fulfilling of the Law in the love to God and Man, (and in the observing of which, Mankind are most inconsiderately defective,) for without true Obedience in the keeping God's Commands, and in strictness thereof to the Love of Man, there can be no Love to God, nor no Salvation, nor the Spirit of God in that Man, or in his Religion, where there is a breach of Love against either God or Man, or their Laws and Commandments; *For he that loves God will keep his Commandments, and he that loves not God will not keep his Commandments, John 4. 23, 24.* The same may be said

said of Man; he that loves Man will keep his Commandments, actively or passively; and he is a *lyar* that saith he loves God, and doth not love his Brother, for he who loveth God, doth love his Brother also, 1 John 4. 20. 21. For Man is the representative of God's Spirit, and God in Trinity doth dwell in Man, who never was, nor can *Personally* be seen Transacting in any thing, but by, and through Christ, Angels, or Men; therefore it is said in the 1 Thes. 4. 8. *Whosoever despiseth Man, despiseth not Man but God.*

For all Mankind are Members of Christ, and are created from one and the self same Spirit of God; he deviding his Spirit to every Man severally as it pleaseth him, 1 Cor. 12. 4, 11. Or it may be said God transforming his own Spirit into the several shapes of Mankind like himself, so that had all Men one Trinitarian Spirit in Perfection (as *Adam* at first had,) they would all unanimously agree together with one Spirit, in Life, Love, and Wisdom, as one Man, after the likeness of God, and live according to his Will and Pleasure.

But by *Adam's* destroying himself and Posterity, Christ's Lamb's Spirit in love to God; it hath brought variance and strife into the World, for want of the true Light of Christ's Spirit of Love (which is the light of the World) to regulate them; For without which, their Spirits will be no more fit for Heaven than the Spirit of Devils, who have only the Spirit of Life, without Love or Wisdom.

Therefore God of his mercy and compassion to Mankind, did from the beginning spread forth his Commandments into all the hearts of Men; and in a more particular manner, by express word to his Elect; that they should be unanimous in keeping those Commandments, whereby to increase and inflame their Spirits in Love of God and one another; to be-  
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come one, as God and Christ are one; and to live a peaceable, quiet, heavenly life on Earth, as if they were even in Heaven: It being the main end for which Religion was propagated, to restore Man to the first Purity of his Father Adam.

So that all Religion thro' the Commands of God, and the President and Precept of Christ by Scripture (wherein lies Man's Service to God) are but to admonish, put, and keep us in mind of our strict Obedience and Duty toward God and toward Man; that Man may recover the lost Spirit of Christ, to become the perfect Image and Likeness of God, as at his first Creation, thereby to redeem him from the Captivity of Satan, who was the Original cause of Loves Destruction in Man, to Entail Man unto himself, to become like himself, who hath no Love at all in his Spirit, to God or Man.

Therefore the true Visible Church, is only to be found in Legal Places of Worship, where God hath *Recorded his Name*, by Magistrates, with the Supreme Power in Love and Unity; for without the Consent of the Magistrates, and Supreme Power, in Love and Unity; For without the consent of Magistrates and Sumprune Powers, God *doth not record his Name* any where; for wheresoever he (who is called Love) doth Record his Name, it must be done with Love, and not in opposition to Love: It being said by God, *Exa. 20. 24. In all places where I Record my Name, I will come unto them, and I will bless them.* Therefore God's Blessing cannot be expected in that Assembly or Congregation, (where he doth not record his Name) that destroys his Spirit of Love, by being in opposition to the legal Power of Magistrates, as all Religions do act against the Legal Power that are in *England*, excepting the Church of *England*, where only decent Order, with necessary Ornaments and Cetermonies are used without any Superstiti-



perdition, and that hath kept it self in Purity (throughout all Sufferings from the Apostles time) the nearest the Scripture Rule and Method, and the clearest from any breach of God's and Man's Laws, whose Doctrine tends chiefly for the incitement to the love of God and Man, thro' obedience to their Commands, with Praying, Preaching and Teaching in a known Tongue; for the Edification of all Men, good and bad; and for living with each other in Unity, Peace and Quietness; following Peace with all Men, and Holiness, *without which no man shall see the Lord.*

Yet for all which undeniable Truth, there are those who extreamly vary therefrom, under pretence of being Christ's Vicar or Vicegerent on Earth, do (contrary to his President and Precept) usurp to themselves the Temporal and Spiritual Power over all Christian Emperors, Kings and Princes, and Bishops, excommunicating and dethroning them; with absolving Subjects from their Oath of Allegiance, and Cursing all that believe not in their Erroneous Principles of Faith; whereas *from the beginning it was not so* throughout all the Patriarchs unto Moses, who was the Supream Head over God's High-Priest, and to whom the decent Order of Religion was first Ordained by God himself, for the unanimous Government of his Select People, till Christ; who assumed no such power unto himself, nor gave any President or Precept for it to any one else throughout all the Scripture; nor also St. Peter, (from whence they derive their main Authority,) who desires for the *Lords sake* to *submit your selves to the King* the Supreme Head, and to fear God, and honour the King, 1 Pet. 2. 13, 17. whose Doctrine they have converted to the making Kings and Princes fear and honour them, and are in direct opposition to (the Fundamental Principle of Religion,) Christs Spirit, in love to God and Man; and the designed intention thereof to follow Peace with all Men, by gaining, preserving, nourishing, and increasing the said Love toward God,

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and toward Man, whereby Christ's Spirit may reign upon Earth, in Love and Unity, Peace and Quietness; that Gods *Will* may be done *in Earth* as it is *in Heaven*.

And there are others who run whoreing after their own inventions, to find out the Purity of Religion, one for *Paul*, another for *Apolos*; and that makes all places alike for the Service of God; and that pretends to obey God rather than Man; although the Duty towards God doth chiefly consist in the Duty towards Man: *These be they who separate themselves, Sensual, having not the Spirit, Jude 19. who have a Form of Godliness, but denying the Power thereof, ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth, 2 Tim. 3. 5, 7.* who are all gone astray from Christs Spirit of Love, the Light that enlightneth the World, which must lead all into Unity of Religion before the end thereof.

For the Spirit of Christ's Love, is the White-stone in *Rev. 2. 17.* which no Man knoweth, saving he that receiveth it; that is, when it ariseth, and is received in Man, he will know, and find in himself an unexpressible Joy, (far above all worldly Affections,) with extraordinary great Delight and Pleasure in the contemplation of Heaven, and in the service and love to God more than to the World: And it is the Corner-stone from whence the Structure of the true Religion must be derived; and it is also the only true Test to prove the Spirits of all Men and all Religions, whether they be good or bad. Therefore whatsoever is Transacted by any Man, or by, and from the Doctrine of any Religion, that destroys Love, Duty and Obedience, either against God, or Man, or their Laws and Commands, it doth murder, kill and destroy the Spirit of God in that Man, or in his Religion, from serving God in the true Religion, in Spirit and in Truth, *viz.* with Christs true heavenly Spirit in love to God and Man; for without that Spirit of Love, (it being quite extinct in Man,) no Man can possibly live in the Body from distraction and destroying

stroying himself, if left to himself; and it is as impossible that any Man can be saved out of the Body; for without Christ's Spirit of Love, no Man can possibly be saved; it being the Trumpet that must, and will sound in the Ears of all Mankind, to call, and awaken them from Death to Life, whose Spirits being Dead with *Adam's* decayed Spirit of Love, must be revived with Christ's quickning Spirit of Love, or else of all Creatures, Man is the most miserable.

Therefore I beseech you for the Lord's sake, have a serious Consideration to Examine and try your selves by the above said Test, whether there be in your Souls Christ's true and sincere heavenly Spirit, in love to God and Man without any defection; and let every one repent and be converted to the Knowledge of the Lord; For it is said, *the time comes that every one shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest*, viz. that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a Trinity in one Spirit shall be found out, as certainly known in every Man's own self by the Spirit of Truth, *which shall lead you into all Truth*: The Spirit of the Comforter, Christ's Spirit of Love which is in you, and is the only Spirit that will, or can save you, and the only Comfort that none can take from you; and the only undeniable Spirit wherewith to serve God in Spirit and in Truth. Therefore make haste to the gaining the said Spirit of Christ, through earnest, violent and fervent Prayers; for nothing else can preserve your Souls from everlasting Ruin, in perpetual darkness, in the horrid torturing Flames of Hell Fire, with the Devil and his Angels; and nothing can be more dreadful and terrible for the rousing up every one from their stupidly acquiescing in the uncertainty of their own Salvation, and with all speed to make their *Calling and Election sure*, by the infallible certainty thereof through Christ's Spirit, herein (by divine Inspiration) plainly demonstrated for the fulfilling of Scripture, and that all Mankind concerned, delay not to redeem themselves out of the Captivity of their confused *Babel*; and

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and that no Man beguile you in a voluntary humility and Wor-  
shipping of Angels, which things have indeed a shew of Wi-  
dom in Will Worship and Humility: *Cel. 2. 1. 23. And give no  
heed to their seducing Spirits, who teach the Doctrine of Devils, and  
are known by forbidding to marry, and to abstain from Meats, Tim.  
4. 3. making Godliness great gain: from such turn away, and  
turn unto the Lord; For why will yee die, O ye House of Israel?  
saith the Lord.*

Therefore I must again beseech you for the Lord's sake, for  
the saving your own Lives, that every Man would Attract to  
himself a self-denial, from the many dissensions in the various  
Opinions about Religion; and that all would (with a fixt Reso-  
lution by Prayer,) Center their Hearts in that one only Word,  
*that was with God, and was God,* and was made flesh in Christ,  
(Love) For all Men were made from one Spirit of Love, and all  
should (by the Christian Religion) live as Brethren in one Spi-  
rit of Love, wherein the perfection of all Religion doth whol-  
ly and solely consist in gaining, increasing and preserving the said  
Spirit of Love to God; which Law of God (in which are all  
the Commandments) hath from the beginning, is, and will be  
written to the end of the World, in every Man's Heart, (all  
naturally concluding without Converse) that none can be saved  
without Love to God; which (being Christ's Spirit) doth fulfil  
*all the Law and the Prophets,* and all God's Commands; and doth  
contain in it the whole Body, Soul, and Spirit of Divinity.  
Wherefore then should there be so many Divisions, with the bit-  
ter envyings and strife amongst Christians, when it is earthly,  
sensual, and devilish, with confusion and every evil work, *James*  
*3. 14.* And when nothing else but love can passify Wrath, and  
cover a multitude of Sins, and cleanse from all Iniquity, and save  
the Soul from an irrevocable Ruine; which that it may Reign in  
all your Hearts, to center all into the one only Religion, in Unity,  
Peace and Purity, being the perfection of Religion: The Grace  
of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*

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